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INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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SETTING UP OF BHOJPURI CHANNEL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to start a Bhojpuri Channel at National level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of regional broadcasting centres wherefrom Bhojpuri programmes are already being telecast/proposed to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) : Prasar Bharati has informed that there is no proposal to start a Bhojpuri Channel.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Doordarshan Kendras at Lucknow, Patna, Gorakhpur, and Muzaffarpur are telecasting dramas, serials and folk songs in Bhojpuri.